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1. Between 1 and 12 December 1946 inclusive [redacted]
one train a day carrying Red Army infantry passed from the direction of Zwickau
(K-34) and Chemnitz through Dresden South Station towards the Czech frontier.
These trains carried Red Army men only; no tanks or guns were observed. Between
13 and 20 December 1946, there were no troop movements by rail on this route.

2. In early December 1946 approximately 6,000 Red Army troops left Frankenberg
(K-77); [redacted] Previous to their departure they indulged
in wholesale plundering and rape and no action against this was taken by the
Town Commandant.

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3. At Chemnitz Station on 14 December 1946 five freight cars were attached to the
slow passenger train proceeding to RIESA (E-81). These five cars contained
infantry previously stationed in Chemnitz. Other Red Army troops tried to enter
the cars, but were told that this was not permitted as the occupants represented
a complete unit.

[redacted] the unit appeared to be bound for the Black Sea
Coast of the Caucasus. All the occupants were between 18 and 24 years of age
and were in very good spirits.

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4. On 14 December 1946 Red Army infantry boarded twenty-five railway cars at
Wittenberg Station (E-37). Twenty open cars, forming part of the same train,
were loaded with one truck each [redacted]

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5. Between 14 and 20 December 1946 inclusive, apart from those mentioned in para 3
above, no troop movements by rail were observed at Dresden, Chemnitz, Mittweida
(K-67), Jena or Leipzig and [redacted] the movements which
had taken place during the first half of December had ceased.

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6. The Panzer Barracks in Chemnitz are empty but still guarded. The tank units from
these barracks left in early December 1946 and took with them all the furniture,
including even water taps, central heating installations, electrical fittings,
and wiring. There was considerable looting in the town, during the course of
which thirty German policemen were killed. Some of the troops [redacted]

[redacted] believed they were going to the Balkans; other [redacted]
were taking everything with them because where they were going
they would be among friends and would not be allowed to loot.

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7. There are still some Red Army troops left in Chemnitz, apparently all infantry.
No more tanks are seen.

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